



## La Colombe Community Impact Fund: A Call for Proposals

The Community Foundation's vision to **build a vibrant community with great opportunities for all** serves as the basis for our values: **hope and opportunity, particularly for youth; collaborative community goals and decision making; and an inclusive community.**

We are excited to announce a partnership with La Colombe to support grants for organizations doing significant work to ***support food security and healthy food systems.***

**Who can apply:** Grant requests must be initiated by non-profit organizations, including schools, governmental units, and faith-based organizations ***servicing the residents of Muskegon County***

**How much is available:** Up to \$100,000 will be awarded. We envision multiple grants will be supported at ranges of \$5,000-\$20,000.

Priority will be given to projects such as:

- Community-based programs that support access to healthy meals and nutritional education outside school, on weekends, and during the summer
- Food and nutritional programs that provide support for expecting mothers and caregivers
- Programs that address the food and nutrition needs of preschool children
- Health provider/clinician efforts that provide nutritional education and/or food as prescription programming
- Programs or initiatives that support the ability of individuals to enroll in food-related public benefits (e.g., SNAP)
- Food pantries (including school-based food pantries) and mobile pantries
- Programs or initiatives supporting the connectivity or coordination of hunger-fighting efforts
- Meal or grocery delivery programs to combat food and nutrition insecurity
- School-based programs that enhance or improve state and/or federal assistance efforts

Funding will not be considered for:

- Reimbursing costs incurred prior to the date the grant was awarded.
- Capital campaigns
- Existing mortgages
- Grants to individuals
- Religious purposes



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### **Timeline:**

- August 1: Application process opens
- September 11: Application of Intent due
- September 25: Application Deadline
- November 1: Notification of Awards

### **How to apply:**

Start the application process here: <https://muskegonfoundation.org/grants/grant-opportunities/>. The La Colombe Community Impact Fund utilizes the “Community Grants” process – select “Committee Grants” and follow the links and instructions to the application portal for the “Committee Grants” process, selecting the “La Colombe Community Impact Fund” in the application.

The first step is an application of intent, where staff will review your application for alignment with the priorities of the committee, timeline, and budget available. Staff will respond within three days, and invite a full grant application, if appropriate.

### **How will decisions be made?**

Decisions will be made by the La Colombe Community Impact Fund Committee. Final grant decisions will be made by the Community Foundation’s Board of Trustees.

### **Questions or comments?**

Please contact the Community Foundation’s community investment department at 231.722.4538 or [grants@muskegonfoundation.org](mailto:grants@muskegonfoundation.org).